(c) what steps Government propose to take to minimise the rush at the parcel delivery counters dealing with Madras and Kerala in view of the heavier pressure on this counter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Out of 5 parcel delivery counters at New Delhi Railway Station, one is earmarked for delivery of parcels received from Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala, and work load is the heaviest at this counter.

(c) Additional counter will be opened as soon as extra staff are available.

Superfast Train between Trivandrum and Howrah

2889. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce a superfast passenger train between Trivandrum and Howrah; and

(b) if so, by when and the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Three pairs of express trains, including one between Trivandrum-Howrah and two between Cochin-Howrah, are already available. Due to lack of spare line capacity and other operational reasons, extension of any additional train to Trivandrum is not feasible at present.

Sports Projects Financed by Government

2890. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the sports projects being financially assisted by Government during the last three years; year-wise and State-wise details thereof; and

(b) the financial assistance already rendered in each of these projects so far; State-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) The number of sports infrastructure projects approved for Central financial assistance under the Scheme of grants to State Governments, State Sports Councils, Registered Organisations etc. during the last three years are as follows:—

Year	No. of Projects	Amount released
		Rs.
1984-85	283	1,46,90,800
1985-86	177	2,13,60,000
1986-87	598	14,79,16,325

Financial assistance provided year-wise and State-wise for the last three years is given at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 101].

Kanchanjungha Express

2891. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to run the Kanchanjungha Express daily; and

(b) if so, by when and the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to run Kanchanjunga Express as a daily superfast train between Howrah and Guwahati from the next time table.